

B. Mass ID and Mass Liquor ID

For people who do not have Massachusetts driver's licenses, the RMV can issue one of two official identification (ID) cards. The Massachusetts ID and Massachusetts Liquor ID look similar to driver's licenses, but they do not extend any driving privileges. These two ID cards are official forms of identity, signature, and age that are accepted in the Commonwealth.

You can apply for a Massachusetts ID or Liquor ID at any RMV Branch. (Because these IDs are similar to driver's licenses, see *Chapter 1* and *Appendix A* for information on applications, duplicates, renewals, and so on.) When you apply for a Massachusetts ID or Liquor ID, you must provide your Social Security number (SSN) and three forms of identification showing proof of age, Massachusetts residency (unless you are applying for a Liquor ID), and signature. In addition, you must also show a Social Security Card or a valid, current U.S. or current non-U.S. Passport.

Massachusetts ID

If you do not have a valid driver's license but would like an official ID card, the RMV can issue you a Massachusetts ID. The requirements are that you . . .

- Must be at least 16 years old (*Ages 16-18 see page 11*)
- Do not hold a valid driver's license
- Are a Massachusetts resident
- Have an SSN or an acceptable denial letter

The fee for a Massachusetts ID is \$15. The Massachusetts ID expires after 5 years.

If you have surrendered your license voluntarily, there is no fee. (*For more information on voluntary license surrender, see the Voluntary Surrender section of Chapter 1.*)



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Massachusetts Liquor ID

Massachusetts establishments which serve alcohol may refuse to accept a Massachusetts ID card for proof of age and identity. State law (M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 34B) provides alcohol servers with *some* legal protection if it is found that alcohol was served to a minor in reliance on a valid Massachusetts Liquor ID card, (or **a Massachusetts driver's license** or a valid U.S. Passport or a valid non-U.S. Passport issued by a country recognized by the U.S., or a U.S. issued Military ID card) **but not** in reliance on a Massachusetts ID card. The Liquor ID card can be issued to Massachusetts residents and out-of-state and out-of-country residents. The requirements are that you . . .

- Must be at least 21 years old
- Do **not** hold a valid Massachusetts Driver's License
- Have an SSN or acceptable denial letter

The fee for a Liquor ID is \$25. Only an RMV Branch Manager can approve issuance of a Liquor ID. The Liquor ID expires after 5 years.



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